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SUMMARY. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON SLICE XXVI IN PREPARATION FOR APPROVAL OF REPORT TO DPC BY MID-OCTOBER. COMMITTEE ALSO EXAMINED LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF PROGRAMMING FOR AIR DEFENSE AND NICS PROJECTS. END SUMMARY.

1. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE COMPLETED DETAILED SCREENING OF SLICE XXVI ON 30 SEPTEMBER 75. ITEMS OF INTEREST TO US AND PROBLEMS TO BE RESOLVED AT 7 OCT MEETING FOLLOW:

A. GENERAL RESERVE BY ITALY ON ENTIRE SLICE XXVI PENDING
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CONSIDERATION OF THEIR COMPLAINT REGARDING RELATIVE TREATMENT OF SOUTHERN FLANK. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL BE RESOLVED AND HENCE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT PROBLEM TO DPC (AS HAS MILITARY COMMITTEE PER REF B) ALONG WITH RECOMMENDED SLICE XXVI.

B. TURKISH CONFIRMATION ON LOSS OF SERIALS 103A, 114, 112 AND 113. TURKS MAY RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITH SHAPE BUT LATTER TWO SERIALS CONCERNING ANATALYA MAY HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO DPC.

C. SERIAL 140, IAU 6 MILLION FOR EDIP PRICE OVERRUNS, IS UNDER ATTACK BY SEVERAL NATIONS SINCE THEY BELIEVE THAT IT CAN BE COVERED BY SLICE XXI-XXV CONTINGENCY FUNDS. UK WANTS IT RETAINED BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT IT CANNOT BE COVERED. WE HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR DEFERRAL TO LATER SLICE WHEN FINANCIAL RETURNS ARE IN. WE BELIEVE THAT MAY BE THE DECISION.

D. ITALIANS HAVE NOT YET GIVEN UP ON SERIAL 211, AUGUSTA DEGAUSSING RANGE. SHAPE WANTS TIME TO CONSIDER FOR SLICE XXVIII.

E. SERIAL 237, FRG THREATENS TO HOLD UP SLICE UNLESS SHAPE AND NIS AGREE TO INCLUDE PROJECT FOR ADDITIONAL POL SAFETY EQUIPMENT. SHAPE AND NIS ARE RELUCTANT TO DO SO BEFORE THE ENTIRE REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN DEFINED. AT US SUGGESTION COMMITTEE HAS SUGGESTED PROGRAMMING OF PLANNING FUNDS AS PRICE FOR FRG APPROVAL.

F. SERIAL 267, COMMUNICATIONS INTERCONNECT WITH US DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. SHAPE WITHDREW SUPPORT AND INDICATED THAT PROJECT WOULD BE RECONSIDERED FOR SLICE XXVIII (1977). US REP (LOVELAND), DRAWING FROM REF B, QUESTIONED ADVISABILITY OF DEFERRAL IN PRESENT CLIMATE OF RATIONALIZATION, FLEXIBILITY, AND INTEROPERABILITY DISCUSSIONS. NICSMA REP (LE HARDY) SAID THAT CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO SEVERAL PROJECTS FOR INTERCONNECTION, THE LEAST DESIRABLE APPEARING TO BE WITH THE US DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. SHAPE AND NIS SUPPORTED THAT POSITION AND INDICATED THAT FURTHER STUDY WOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE FINAL DECISION. US REP, ACCEPTING THE INEVITABLE, NOTED THAT US WOULD NOT HOLD SLICE XXVI BUT REGRETTED DECISION WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO US OPPOSITION TO IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PROJECTS FOR PROVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS TAILS TO FACILITIES WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN SERVED MORE ECONOMICALLY THROUGH THE PROPOSED INTERCONNECT.

G. WARNING INSTALLATIONS. BELGIAN REP (DUCOFFRE) WITHDREW OBJECTIONS TO PROGRAMMING OF THESE FACILITIES BUT CALLED FOR LONG-TERM PLAN APPROVAL BY NADEEC BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION (SEE PARA 4, BELOW).

H. SACLANT SERIAL 16. APPROVED THIS PROJECT FOR MESSING FACILITY-CONFIDENTIAL

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TIES IN ICELAND.

2. COMMITTEE AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO SETTLE ALL REMAINING PROBLEMS AT MEETING ON 7 OCTOBER. SHOULD RESERVATIONS PERSIST THEY WILL BE REPORTED TO THE DPC ALONG WITH RECOMMENDED SLICE XXVI.

3. COMMITTEE DEFERRED DECISION ON AMOUNT TO BE PROGRAMMED FOR US SPECIAL PROGRAM IN SLICE XXVI PENDING WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS. IN MEETING ON 1 OCTOBER WG RECOMMENDED INCLUSION OF IAU 12 MILLION FOR BULK PROGRAMMING IN SLICE XXVI PENDING RECEIPT OF US PRIORITY LIST. AFTER RECEIPT OF LIST INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WILL COMPLETE DETAILED PROGRAMMING AND SHAPE WILL PUBLISH ANNEX TO SLICE BOOK. IN ENSUING SLICES DETAILS OF US SPECIAL

PROGRAM WILL BE INCLUDED IN DPC APPROVAL BUT WITH SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW FOR REARRANGEMENT OF PRIORITIES.

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4. IN CONNECTION WITH BELGIAN REP'S AGREEMENT TO PROGRAMMING OF WARNING INSTALLATION PROJECTS HE STATED REQUIREMENT FOR A NEW LOOK AT THE FUTURE ENTIRE NADGE/EW PROGRAM. BELGIAN OBJECTIVE WAS TO ESCAPE FROM SOLE SOURCE SITUATION IN COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SENSOR PROCUREMENT IN ADD-ON AND UK NADGE PROJECTS. IN PARTICULAR BELGIAN REP DOUBTED ADVISABILITY OF SHAPE'S DEFERRAL OF SLICE XXVI SERIAL 289 INTO THE 1980S. THIS PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE A MEDIAUM CONVERSION COMPUTER AT GLONS TO ALLOW CONVERSION OF INEFFICIENT NADGE PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE (JOVIAL) INTO DIGITAL LANGUAGE WHICH COULD OPERATE WITH MODERN, HIGH SPEED COMPUTERS THUS INTERFACING MORE EFFICIENTLY WITH THE SHIP/SHORE BUFFER, AWACS, AND VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS LINKS. HE ASKED THAT THIS MATTER BE EXAMINED BY NADEEC BEFORE PROJECTS CURRENTLY FUNDED ARE IMPLEMENTED. SHAPE PROMISED TO SUBMIT STUDY IN TIME FOR DECEMBER NADEEC MEETING.
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